Andrew County

105 Hwy. 71 W Savannah, MO 816-324-3196

Atchison County

302 E Hwy. 136 Rock Port, MO 64482 660-744-5328

Buchanan County

3915 Oakland Ave. St. Joseph, MO 64506 816-364-3927

Clinton County

1800 W. Highway 116 Plattsburg, MO 64477 816-539-2136

Dekalb County

1101 S. Polk Maysville, MO 64469 816-449-2112

Gentry County

512 E. Hwy. 136 Albany, MO 64402 660-726-5525

Harrison County

1400 N. 41st. Street Bethany, MO 64424 660-425-7635

Holt County

118 W. Davis Street Mound City, MO 64470 660-442-3134

Mercer County

Rt. 2 Box 317, Hwy 65N. Princeton, MO 64673 660-748-4385

Nodaway County

502 W. South Hills Dr. Maryville, MO 64468 660-582-7423

Platte County

1207 Branch Street Platte City, MO 64079 816-431-2101

Worth County

18 West 3rd Street Grant City, MO 64456 660-564-3341

District #1 FSA NEWSLETTER June 2006

Acreage Reporting

The timely filing of an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a number of programs, including Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program, Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, as well as marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments.

To be timely filed, you must file an FSA-578 by June 30, 2006 for small grains and July 31, 2006 for all other crops.

To be considered timely, acreage reports for:

- Prevented planted acreage must be filed no later than 15 calendar days after the final reporting date for the applicable crop.
- Failed acreage must be filed before the disposition of the crop.

We will accept crop certifications from farm operators, farm owners, persons authorized by power of attorney and tenants and sharecroppers, for which they have a share.

** Reminder: You are required to provide planting dates for each field.

County Committee Elections

From June 15 through August 1, farmers and ranchers can nominate eligible peers as candidates for election to your County's Farm Service Agency County Committee.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet basic eligibility requirements. Contact the county office staff or visit http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections for details about candidate eligibility. Nomination forms can be obtained at the county office or online at the above address.

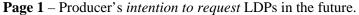
Remember, the nomination period runs June 15 through August 1. Voting takes place in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by November 3rd; December 4th is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office January 1, 2007. Make a difference: Nominate and Vote!

CRP Signup 33 Results

Out of 1.4 million acres offered nationwide, 1,007,793 acres were accepted for enrollment. The minimum Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) score accepted was 242 points. Producers who made offers during this signup will be notified in the next few weeks whether their offer was accepted and the steps to take to complete enrollment.

Requesting LDPs for 2006

To request 2006 crop loan deficiency payments, you must use the CCC-633 EZ, Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement and Request. Here's an explanation for each page of the form.



- Must be signed before beneficial interest is lost.
- Terms and conditions for requesting LDPs.
- Covers all farms and all eligible crops in all counties.
- Submit one to the county office staff. Remind staff of other counties where you have farming interest.
- This is your intention to request an LDP in the future. It is not a request for payment.

Page 2 – Producer's request for LDP payment on feed grains, minor oilseeds, rice and pulses.

- Use after grain is harvested and in storage. You maintain beneficial interest. The LDP rate will be the rate in effect on the date page 2 is received in the office.
- Can use after beneficial interest is lost. LDP rate will be the rate in your administrative county office on the date beneficial interest was lost. Must provide production evidence.
- Use when you wish to receive LDP rate based upon date commodity was delivered to warehouse. You must maintain beneficial interest from harvest through delivery to the warehouse. Complete all required sections including item 23B.
- Page 3 Producer's request for LDP payment on specific bales of cotton.

Page 4 – Producer's request for LDP payment on sheared wool, sheared mohair or unshorn pelts.

- Use when wool or mohair is sheared and in storage. You maintain beneficial interest. LDP rate is based on date page 4 is received in county office.
- Use if beneficial interest is lost at shearing. LDP rate will be the rate in your administrative county office on the date beneficial interest was lost. Must provide production evidence.

NAP Production

All producers that participate in the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) are reminded a requirement of the program is to report their production on an annual basis.

For each crop for which an acreage report is filed, the producer must report all production for that acreage not later than the immediately subsequent crop year acreage reporting date for the crop.

Failure to report production by the production reporting deadline:

- Shall result in the disapproval of any request for loss associated with the current year's production.
- Shall have adverse implications for future year approved yield calculations.
- Could result in future ineligibility for NAP assistance on this crop.

The production reporting deadline for most crops is July 31st following the year the crop was produced. However, if you have a NAP policy, you are advised to contact your local office for the exact reporting date for your crop.



Farm Storage Facility Loans



Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities,

including wheat, rice, soybeans and corn. The interest rate is fixed based on the month of approval.

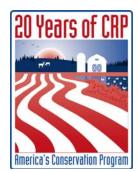
The seven-year farm storage facility loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins and new and remanufactured oxygen limiting and other upright silo type structures.

All farm storage facility loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A minimum down payment is also required. For details, contact the county office staff.

CRP MAINTENANCE

We receive many questions from producers concerning CRP maintenance since the restrictions were put on mowing and a non-disturbance period was developed several years ago. On most contracts half of each field may be mowed annually between July 15th and August 15th. Mowing at any other time is not allowed. All contracts have a non-disturbance period from May 1st to July 15th to provide habitat for ground nesting birds. This means that nothing can be done on the acreage during that

period of time without the permission of the County Committee.



During the rest of the year all types of maintenance, except for mowing, may be done. This could include spraying, tree clipping or shearing, and various other activities.

Newer contracts, accepted during CRP signup 26 and later, do not allow mowing at anytime except in conjunction with some management practices. Producers are also required to perform mid-contract management practices on these contracts according to their conservation plans at various times during the life of their contracts. These management practices include: strip disking, chemical applications, or prescribed burning and are eligible for cost share. Producers may add these management practices to their conservation plan for older CRP acreage, but would be ineligible for cost share. If interested, please contact your local FSA office for further information.

The maintenance allowed on some contracts, such as filter strips and riparian buffers, can be different than what is allowed on other contracts, so if you have any questions on what can be done on these types of contracts it is best to contact your local office before doing any maintenance.

Managed haying and grazing is now allowed on most, but not all, CRP acreage. Eligible acreage may be hayed or grazed once every 3 years. Haying may be done from July 16th to October 13th and the hay bales must be removed from the CRP acreage no later than October 31st of each year. The bales cannot be stacked on CRP acreage. Only one cutting of hay is allowed. Grazing is allowed from July 16th to November 12th. The cost is 25% of the annual payment on the acres actually hayed or grazed. Prior approval by the County Committee is required before the haying or grazing begins.

If a producer is having trouble controlling tree growth and brush on their CRP acreage, your local FSA Committee may now be able to approve mowing of entire fields on a case by case basis to control the brush and trees. Prior approval by the County Committee is necessary.

Penalties for failure to maintain CRP acreage according to your conservation plan of operations can be severe. If you have questions about what is allowed on your CRP contract, contact your local FSA office for complete details before starting.

Sodbuster, Swampbuster

Most Farm Service Agency programs require compliance with sodbuster and swampbuster provisions. These provisions require producers to follow an approved conservation system on all highly erodible land planted to an annual crop as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Be sure to have determinations made on any new land you plan to plant to annual crops. If you plan to plant a different crop on your current cropland, check with NRCS to assure the new crop will qualify under your conservation system.

Swampbuster provisions state that converting a wetland to make possible the planting of a crop will result in the loss of all USDA benefits. To avoid this possibility it is strongly recommended that producers check with NRCS before starting any kind of dirt work.

Removing CCC Loan Collateral

Producers are reminded, if you have grain under Commodity Credit Corporation loan it cannot be removed or disposed of without prior county office staff authorization, or repayment. The county office staff may issue release authorizations based on a telephone call or an in person request when you are ready to move the grain. A loan violation is subject to monetary and administrative penalties, such as repaying the loan plus interest, liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans and loan deficiency payments.

All commodity loans are subject to spot check. Locking in a market loan rate is not a marketing authorization. If you are planning to move CCC loan grain, contact the county office staff for additional information.

Be sure to watch the condition of stored grain. There have been reports of grain going out of condition.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 15	County Committee Nomination Period Begins
June 30	Final Date to Respond to REX Offer for 2008-2010 CRP Contracts
June 30	Final Certification Date for Small Grains
July 4	Independence Day Holiday – USDA Service Centers Closed
July 31	Final Certification Date for CRP and All Crops Except Small Grains
August 1	Deadline to Submit County Committee Nomination Forms
August 1	Final Date to Request Farm Reconstitutions for Current Fiscal Year

Youth Project Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other youth organizations. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Live in the open country or in a town of less than 10,000 people
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the project and the loan, along with providing adequate supervision.

Stop by the county office. We'll help prepare and process the application forms and answer any questions you may have about the program. Remember, FSA is an equal opportunity lender.

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